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Re: Austin Ave NPL Site - Record of Decision Concurrence

Dear Mr. Kostmayer,

The Record of Decision received by the Department on June 15, 1994 has been reviewed.

The major components of the selected remedy include:

- * Removal of contamination and repair of structures at 346 Owen Avenue and 42 and 44 South Union Avenue.
- * Eighteen additional properties will have contaminated structural components removed or will be completely dismantled. Tenants will be relocated, owners will choose repair (if feasible), replacement of structure, or permanent relocation.
- * Following remediation the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania will acquire title, or make arrangements for transfer of title to a third party, to those properties in which owners select permanent relocation.
- * Removal and offsite disposal of radiation-contaminated soils to permitted facilities. Backfilling and revegetation of remediated properties.
- * Replacement of storage building at 135 Austin Avenue and provision of offsite structure or equivalent to replace the former 133 Austin Avenue.

I hereby concur with the EPA's proposed actions, with the following conditions:

- * With regard to soil contamination, the completed final

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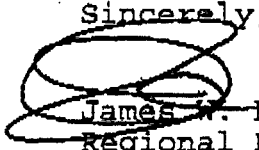
remedial action must preclude any degradation of ground water through leaching or other infiltration of hazardous substances or contaminants addressed by the ROD. The Department understands that the cleanup standards for soils contained in the ROD will satisfy this condition.

- * The Department will be given the opportunity to concur with decisions related to the Remedial Design and the Remedial Action to ensure compliance with DER cleanup ARARs and design specific ARARs.
- * The Department's design standards are ARARs pursuant to CERCLA Section 121, 42 U.S.C. §9621, and the Department maintains the right to enforce those design standards.
- * This concurrence with the selected remedial action is not intended to provide any assurances pursuant to CERCLA Section 104(c)(3), 42 U.S.C. §9604(c)(3).

Additionally, the Department understands that ground water contamination has been discovered at the site and that any plan to address this ground water would be developed in the future.

Thank you for the opportunity to concur with this EPA Record of Decision. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,


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